IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete all prior lists of claims in the application and insert the following list of claims:

1-32. (CANCELED)

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A charged nonwoven filtration media comprising:

a plurality of sheets formed from blended nonwoven, melt-bondable fibers, wherein the sheets are multilayered and needle punched to bond them together in a graded-density structure; and

a charge treatment applied to the sheets, wherein the charge treatment completely saturates the sheets and is selected from the group consisting of polyamide-epichlorohydrin, urea, formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, and polyacrylamide;

wherein the media has a density of from about 0.173 g/cm^3 to about 0.276 g/cm^3.

34. (CANCELED)

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The media of claim 33 wherein said fibers are comprised of polypropylene, or polyester.

36. - 40. (CANCELED)

41. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A charged multiple component, nonwoven filtration media which comprises

a blend of micro-denier/fine-denier blend melt-bondable fibers and fine-denier melt-bondable fibers having an average fiber diameter of from 5 to 30 microns, a plurality of sheets formed from the blend of fibers, wherein said sheets are multilayered in a graded density structure and needle punched to bond said sheets together,

and a charge treatment applied to the sheets, wherein the charge treatment completely saturates the sheets and is selected from the group consisting of polyamide-epichlorohydrin, urea, formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, and polyacrylamide;

wherein the media has a density of from about 0.173 g/cm^3 to about 0.276 g/cm^3.

42. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The media of claim 41 wherein fibers of 10-90% microdenier or fine fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends are combined with fibers of 90-10% fine or coarse fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends.

43. - 46. (CANCELED)

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A charged multiple component, nonwoven filtration media which comprises

a blend of micro-denier/fine-denier blend melt-bondable fibers and coarse-denier melt-bondable fibers having an average fiber diameter of from 5 to 30 microns, said blend being formed into a plurality of sheets, said sheets being multilayered in a graded density structure and needle punched to bond said sheets together, and

a charge treatment applied to the sheets, wherein the charge treatment completely saturates the sheets and is selected from the group consisting of polyamide-epichlorohydrin, urea, formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, and polyacrylamide;

wherein the media has a density of from about 0.173 g/cm^3 to about 0.276 g/cm^3.

48. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The media of claim 47 wherein 10-90% micro-denier or fine fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends are combined with fibers of 90– 10% fine or coarse fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends.

49. - 52. (CANCELED)

53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A charged multiple component, nonwoven filtration media which comprises

a blend of micro-denier melt-bondable fibers and fine-denier melt-bondable fibers having an average fiber diameter of from 5 to 30 microns, said blend being formed into a plurality sheets, said sheets being multilayered in a graded density structure and needle punched to bond said sheets together, and

a charge treatment applied to the sheets, wherein the charge treatment completely saturates the sheets and is selected from the group consisting of polyamide-epichlorohydrin, urea, formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, and polyacrylamide;

wherein the media has a density of from about 0.173 g/cm^3 to about 0.276 g/cm^3.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The media of claim 53 wherein 10-90% microdenier or fine fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends are combined with fibers of 90-10% fine or coarse fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends.

55. -58. (CANCELED)

59. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A charged multiple component, nonwoven filtration media which comprises

a blend of micro-denier melt-bondable fibers and coarse-denier melt-bondable fibers having an average fiber diameter of from 5 to 30 microns, said blend being formed into a plurality of sheets, said sheets being multilayered in a graded density structure and needle punched to bond said sheets together, and

a charge treatment applied to the sheets, wherein the charge treatment completely saturates the sheets and is selected from the group consisting of polyamide-epichlorohydrin, urea, formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, and polyacrylamide;

wherein the media has a density of from about 0.173 g/cm^3 to about 0.276 g/cm^3.

60. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The media of claim 59 wherein fiber of 10-90% microdenier or fine fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends are combined with fibers of 90– 10% fine or coarse fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends.

61. - 64. (CANCELED)

65. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A charged nonwoven filtration media which comprises

a plurality of sheets formed from blended nonwoven melt-bondable fibers, wherein fibers of 10-90% microdenier or fine fibers, and having an average fiber diameter of from 5 to 30 microns, selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends are combined with fibers of 90-10% fine or coarse fibers selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, bicomponent fibers or blends, are used in the blend wherein the plurality of said sheets are multilayered and needle punched to bond them together, and

a charge treatment applied to said sheets, wherein the charge treatment completely saturates the sheets and is selected from the group consisting of polyamide-epichlorohydrin, urea, formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, and polyacrylamide;

wherein the media has a density of from about 0.173 g/cm^3 to about 0.276 g/cm^3.